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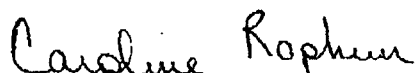
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a parent and a taxpayer, I am impressed by what I have heard about the proposed settlement of the Microsoft case. This litigation has gone on too long and cost too much of the taxpayers' money. Our state's attorney general has accepted the settlement, and that is a welcome step. I hope the federal court will now do the same.

Microsoft may well be guilty of illegal and improper behavior. It is difficult for the average person to make that judgment. But one can recognize the wisdom of settling a case that distracts an important industry from its work during a time when our nation's economy faces an uncertain future.

Sincerely,



Caroline Raphun